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'PHONE MERGER OF INDEPENDENTS AND BELL SYSTEM

Toledo Blade Publishes Story
of Deal Not Yet Con-
firmed.

Companies of Middle West
Are Involved.

THIRTEEN MILLIONS IN DEAL.

Toledo, O., Oct. 23.—The Blade upon information said to be authentic, publishes the statement that a merger of the independent telephone interests of the middle west with the Bell company is almost completed.

The statement is to the effect that the Bell company has secured options upon independent companies which James S. Bralley of Toledo and his associates control or of which they recently secured control, and that the deal is expected to be consummated within a day or two.

This would end the war between the Bell company and its rival in this section.

These properties are the United States Telephone company (the independent long distance line); the Cuyahoga Telephone company of Cleveland; the Home Telephone company of Toledo; the Indianapolis Telephone company (local), and the new long distance telephone company of Indianapolis.

Neither confirmation nor absolute denial could be obtained here today. President Bralley has been in Indianapolis for several days.

Clarence Brown, agent for the Bralley independent interests, and one of the voting trustees of the United States Telephone company, said he was not aware of the deal.

Options Secured.
"It is a fact that Mr. Bralley and his associates have secured control of the companies mentioned; they will continue in the management. The publication of the statement that the Bell company has secured options on the property is unjustified," said Mr. Brown.

The Blade says:
The combined capital stock of all the companies that are to fall into the hands of the Bell is \$13,100,000. "By the deal James S. Bralley, Jr., of Toledo, will retire from the field, as will his associates, of Toledo, Cleveland and St. Louis.

"The sale of the telephone companies named will affect thousands of stockholders in all parts of the country. It will also retire from the field of battle Breckinridge Jones of the Mississippi Valley Trust company of St. Louis. This capitalist has helped materially to supply the sinews of war for the independent campaign, those who will disappear from the telephone war are A. H. Bauer of Bauer Bros., St. Louis and H. C. Stifel."

BASKETBALL

LEAGUE MAY BE REORGANIZED
THIS FALL.

Plan on Foot to Purchase Gymnasium
Outfit From Eagles'
Gym.

Steps will be taken in a short time by basketball enthusiasts to re-organize the Paducah Basketball league, which was carried on successfully last February. Many expressions in favor of the league have been made and after the football season the different clubs and sodas will form basketball squads and no doubt organize a similar association as last year.

The league of last year was composed of teams of the High school, the Chess, Checker and Whist club, the Elks, the Light and Power company, the D. A. D.'s and the Knights of Columbus lodge. A schedule of games was arranged and the Chess club won the cup offered as the prize. If a league is formed this year the cup may be handed down to the winning team by the Chess club, this being the understanding at the close of the season.

The games last year were largely attended and there was much enthusiasm shown. It is believed the games this coming season will draw even larger crowds, as there is some excellent material among the different clubs.

The steamer Ohio will run an excursion to Cairo Tuesday, October 26, to see President Taft and his fleet leaving wharf at 8 a. m. sharp, arriving in Cairo at 11 a. m. For white people only.

Head of Aero Club of America Says Claim of Wrights to Monopoly of Aeroplane Business Preposterous

Returns From France, Bring-
ing With Him Many Trop-
hies of American Triumphs
in Europe.

New York, Oct. 23.—Cortland F. Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, arrived here today from France on the steamer La Provence. With him were most of the valuable cups and prizes won by the American aviators in Europe. The Michelin cup of Warburton, several by Curtiss, and the Gordon Bennett cup won by Mix, of Columbus, Ohio, in the international balloon race, were not in the collection, the provisions saying the previous owner can keep them thirty days after wrested from him.

Bishop said the demands of the Wrights approximating a virtual monopoly of aeroplaning, are preposterous. He said the Wrights are trying to prevent by law flying of all machines even distant resembling their own. Nearly every aviator in France is bearing the brunt of Wrights charges.

He said Mix's flight was the most wonderful ever, but in grabbing the rope by the spectators was deplorable but a common occurrence.

MRS. HILDRETH

DIES OF DROPSY AND STOMACH
TROUBLE.

Had Been in Critical Condition Many
Weeks—Husband Was
an Attorney.

After a several months illness with dropsy and stomach trouble, Mrs. Mollie Hildreth, 54 years old, died last night at 11:15 o'clock at her home in the county near the mouth of Clark's river. For several weeks her condition has been critical and her death was not unexpected by her many friends.

Mrs. Hildreth was reared in Paducah, and her husband, J. M. Hildreth, was an attorney in Paducah during the history of Paducah as a small town. A number of years ago Mrs. Hildreth removed to the county, where she owns a large tract of land at the mouth of Clark's river. She is survived by the following children: Miss Effie Hildreth and Frank Hildreth, of the county; James Hildreth of Tyler and Mrs. E. C. Dennington, 1902 Tennessee street.

For a number of years Mrs. Hildreth had been a consistent worker in the Methodist church, but recently was prevented from active work by ill health. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at the Third Street Methodist church, the Rev. Mr. Sears officiating. The burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

Weilhaft Infant.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Weilhaft, 1215 Monroe street, died this morning at 1 o'clock. The burial took place today in Oak Grove cemetery.

DR. CORLIS

TAKEN TO METROPOLIS FOR
BURIAL TODAY.

The body of Dr. Edwin Corlis, 38 years old, of Portersville, Mo., was brought through Paducah this morning en route to Metropolis, Ill., where the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. He was shot and killed accidentally last Tuesday while hunting with a party from St. Louis. Dr. Corlis was a popular young physician, and was a member of the Woodmen of the World, Mason, Odd Fellow and Knights of Pythias. The body arrived this morning from Cairo and was taken to Metropolis by boat this morning.

His mother, Mrs. Sallie Corlis, resides at Metropolis. His father, the late Edwin Corlis, was a cigar salesman and was known in Paducah. He is survived by a wife and three brothers: Thirt Corlis, of Metropolis, Ill.; George Corlis, of St. Louis, and Scott Corlis, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Kerr, the latter a sister of the widow, accompanied the body from Cairo.

Mr. O. N. Houser, a boilermaker at the Illinois Central shops, has gone to San Antonio, Tex., to locate.

BURLINGTON DID NOT STOP WORK

DIFFERENCE OVER PRICE DE-
MANDED FOR LAND SETTLED
—WABASH BUILDING.

Metropolis, Ill., Oct. 23. (Special.)—Work on the Burlington extension from Herrin to Metropolis has not stopped for a moment. There was some difficulty over the price demanded for some land on the right-of-way, but that was satisfactorily settled, without the contractors ceasing their work.

Wabash Surveyors Approach.
Reliable information has been received here that surveyors for the Wabash railroad are working between Golconda and Metropolis, Ill., and headed for Metropolis. They were said to be within two miles of Metropolis yesterday. The Wabash doubtless intends to cross the proposed Burlington bridge to Paducah.

CONTINUANCE

GRANTED MRS. BUCHANAN IN
POLICE COURT.

Neva Riley Suffering From Nervous
Breakdown—Attorney Not in
City.

Mrs. Edith Buchanan, the central figure in a horsewhipping Thursday afternoon at Fifth street and Kentucky avenue when she lashed Neva Riley over the head and shoulders with her buggy whip, appeared in police court at 8:30 o'clock this morning to answer to a warrant charging her with breach of the peace. Police Judge D. A. Cross granted her a continuance until Wednesday, November 3, until her attorney, Emmet W. Bagby, returns to the city. Another reason for the continuance was the fact that Neva Riley is suffering a severe nervous shock and will be unable to testify for several days.

The warrant sworn out by M. L. Riley, father of Neva, yesterday was executed by Patrolman Rice yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Buchanan went to police headquarters and made bond. She is anxious, it is understood, that a compromise be effected between now and the date the case was continued to.

Mr. M. L. Riley, father of Neva and Pearl Riley, stated this morning that the paper was in error in attributing to him yesterday the statement that he might not take the case to court.

"I have no idea of listening to a 'sompromise,' he said. 'I owe it to my little girls, who have been assailed, and one of them cruelly whipped, to fight this thing through to the bitter end. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan had been separated before we ever heard of them, and I intend to defend the good name of my daughters.'"

W. O. W. UNVEILING AT OAK GROVE TOMORROW

The W. O. W. and Ladies' Circles joint unveiling at Oak Grove cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. They will leave Jersey camp at 1:30 Olive camp at 2 p. m. In charge are J. A. Bondurant, chairman of the committee, and J. M. Miller, secretary of the committee.

George Hannin, captain of line of march, Dr. R. A. Hays assistant; Judge D. A. Cross and Alben Barkley will be the speakers. Deal's band will furnish the music. The ladies' circle will join line of march at the gate.

—The condition of Mrs. Joseph Bond of 1341 South Ninth street, who was operated on at Riverside hospital Tuesday is unchanged.

The Weather

Forecast for Paducah and vicinity: Fair tonight and Sunday; colder to-night. Highest temperature today 52, lowest 50.

Illinois: Unsettled and colder Saturday with rain in north; Sunday fair and cool, brisk to north shifting to northwest winds.

Sun and Moon.
Sun rose today..... 6:18 a. m.
Sun will set today..... 5:11 p. m.
Moon will set tonight..... 12:43 a. m.

CONTRACTOR HAS SIDE TO COST OF CONCRETE WORK

It is Claimed That Expenses,
Specifications and Collec-
tions Figure Largely

Can Do Work Cheaper Else-
where Than Here.

ASSESSMENT BONDS ANSWER.

The editorial in the Evening Sun yesterday concerning the cost of laying concrete sidewalks in Paducah has interested all parties to the work, and contractors have a side to the question, according to one gentleman, who once figured on such work in Paducah. One fact was brought out clearly and that is, the efforts of the board of public works to reduce the price on the latest work, have been rendered ineffectual by the general council's instructions in the ordinance, for granite curbing. It is claimed by some that concrete curbing, outside the business districts, where vehicles wear them, are just as satisfactory as granite. Others think not. Be that as it may, the granite, it is said, will cost \$1.20 a linear foot, while concrete will cost 60 cents, and the granite curbing will add just \$60 more to the cost of the work.

The gentleman, who gave the Evening Sun the information, says that in Brookport gravel costs 50 cents, while in Paducah it costs \$1.25. Labor costs about half as much there, and cement 20 cents less, because the freight rate to southern points exceeds that on the other side of the river. They add ten per cent to the cost for the trouble of collecting from the property owners, and say with the same specifications, they could lay good sidewalks in Paducah for 12½ cents a square. Granite screenings and other items in the specifications bring up the cost.

At sixteen cents a square foot the owner of a fifty foot lot with a six foot sidewalk will pay \$48. The board of public works has cut the sidewalk to five feet, saving the property owner \$8. To this is added \$60 for granite curbing, bringing the total cost to \$100. It is estimated that the cost with concrete curbing would be \$70.

All parties agree that if the general council had authority to issue bonds as it has in Cairo, for instance, and could pay the contractors for the work as it is finished, making the assessment a lien on the property for ten years, the cost would be cut to a reasonable figure. Property owners in Cairo are permitted to pay cash and secure a five per cent reduction on the assessment, or pay the city in 20 semi-annual installments as taxes.

CHAMPION SEEMS TO BE LOSING HIS MIND ONCE MORE

That John Champion set fire to his own houseboat and attempted to kill himself and it was not the work of jealous neighbors is now believed by the county officials as Champion is a maniac. His mind is completely unbalanced again and he continues to suffer from the malarial poison, the suspected of causing the condition of his mind. This week it was thought several times he would die, but today his condition was better. Champion was brought several weeks ago from Siles where he was a mussel fisher. He was a raving maniac, and tried to burn his comfortable houseboat, and kill himself. Later Champion revived and said neighbors were jealous of his prosperous condition, and robbed him and then set fire to his boat. He was carried before the grand jury, but his story was not connected.

It is not decided what will be done with Champion, as county officials are afraid to remove him to the county sanitarium, because he may become violent at any time, while his physical condition is so weak that it is not advisable to give him a trial for lunacy and send him to the asylum. Champion has about recovered from his injuries sustained in his outbreak at Siles.

Blackburn Will Resign.
Washington, Oct. 23.—Copies of the Panama Canal Record, printed by the government works, received today says J. S. Blackburn, governor of the canal zone and member of the canal commission, will tender his resignation to the president.

Central and Eastern Kentucky Are Swept by Terrific Wind All Last Night and for Time This Morning

Much Damage Wrought But
No One Hurt—Earthquake
in Western Kentucky Felt
Along Banks of Mississippi

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 23. (Special.)—A terrific windstorm swept here and throughout central Kentucky last night and early this morning. Heavy damage was done here by the unroofing of houses, blowing down barns, etc. Georgetown also was swept. Part of the court house was wrecked. The roof of the Georgetown college was damaged. Shelby had four or five barns blown down and heavy damage to property. No one was injured.

At Cape Girardeau.
Cape Girardeau, Mo., Oct. 23.—A heavy earthquake shock, lasting fully a minute, struck here at 1:15 this morning. Loud, deep rumblings accompanied the shock, which seemed to move westward. It was the heaviest felt in many years. No damage was reported.

Cairo Felt the Jar.
Cairo, Ill., Oct. 23.—An earthquake was felt about 1:08 this morning, which lasted about 15 seconds. It was not as strong as that of some weeks ago, although it rattled loose articles on the mantles and tables of several residences hard enough to wake up sound sleepers. Inquiries by telephone came from citizens in various parts of the city asking if the quake was felt and stating they were awakened by it.

Earthquake Victims.
Calcutta, Oct. 23.—Colonial headquarters are not trying to estimate the death, but trying to relieve distress. There are horrible conditions in earthquake zone. It is reported 150 dead were taken from the ruins at Quetta. Others are known to be buried. Native individuals say the total loss will be several thousands.

Felt at Paducah.
Paducah experienced the earthquake this morning about 1:05 o'clock, but as far as could be ascertained the shock did not do any damage. The shock was slight and the majority of people did not feel it, although night workers felt the shock distinctly.

Felt at Hickman.
Hickman, Ky., Oct. 23. (Special.)—Hickman felt an earthquake this morning.

Former Congressman in Bad.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 23.—Former Congressman C. D. Vanduser, of Nevada, was arrested here at a hotel, where he was stopping under the name of P. H. Harris, of Chicago. Three years ago he was in Pittsburgh selling mining stock. It is said the stock proved worthless and alleged victims called at the police headquarters today. It also is alleged that Vanduser left here on a previous visit without settling bills at the local hotel.

Under Horse's Head Go Independents' Names

"A horse's head" will be the device under which the names of E. Barry for state senator, and Joe Ragsdale for representative, will appear on the ballot unless the appellate court instructs the county clerk to place them under the Democratic device and remove the names of W. V. Eaton and Eugene Graves from that ticket. The two candidates were given an opportunity to select a device, but failed, and the printer placed the device of a horse head over their names.

MANY PADUCAH PEOPLE GOING TO SEE TAFT

Many Paducah people are planning to go to Cairo or Hickman Tuesday to witness the receptions to President Taft. He will arrive with the river fleet at Cairo in the morning and Hickman in the afternoon.

REAR ADMIRAL ERBEN DIES IN RETIREMENT

New York, Oct. 23.—Rear Admiral Henry Erben, a retired Civil War naval veteran, died at his home here today. He entered the navy in 1845 and retired with the rank of rear admiral in 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Todd, of Louisville, returned home today after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kahn.

PRESIDENT TAFT SPEAKS IN TEXAS

HOUSTON GREETED HIM DURING
SHORT STOP THERE—HUR-
RYING ON JOURNEY.

Houston, Tex., Oct. 23.—President Taft arrived here at 7 this morning made a short address from the balcony of the Rice hotel, took breakfast and a motor ride, was greeted by school children and left for Dallas at 10:30. He will arrive at 5:30 this afternoon. He was up at sunrise this morning, and addressed from a platform a crowd at Beehive, Texas. He started talking about Texas when a voice cried "How about the postal savings banks." He spoke favorably of them and said, answering a question, "I have very little money to put in one so the banks do not interest me personally one way or the other."

"It was said of Roosevelt that he had more friends and less votes in Texas than in any other state," said President Taft from a balcony of the Rice hotel. "I am willing to accept the same condition for the votes will come later. The main thing is that we all are united. Scenes like this prove it."

"The president praised Texas for her soil, beautiful women, and enterprise. He said the same spirit is found there for upward growth as everywhere else in the country. Referring to the arid lands of the southwest said there is no arid land around Houston. Miss Katie Daffan, president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Texas division, pinned a ribbon rosette on Taft's frock coat and welcomed him in the name of her sisters.

D. A. R. ELECTS STATE OFFICERS

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 23. (Special.)—The state conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution elected the following officers: Vice president general, Mrs. Milton J. Durham, Lexington; state regent, Mrs. Ben. Johnson, Bardonia; vice state regent, Mrs. William Warren, Danville; state secretary, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Lexington; state treasurer, Mrs. Willson Escott, Shelbyville. By-laws were adopted without opposition.

Machinery Falls in River.
Metropolis, Ill., Oct. 23. (Special.)—The machinery used in taking soundings for the railroad bridge here fell in the river last night. It toppled in the wind.

Ferryman Is Stabbed.
Metropolis, Ill., Oct. 23. (Special.)—Louis Niekamp, the ferryman, was seriously stabbed by a negro last night, and was brought to Metropolis, where Dr. Miller dressed his injuries. The stabbing took place in Kentucky opposite Metropolis.

MECHANICSBURG

PLEASED OVER THE RUSH OF
WORK AT FACTORIES.

All Concerns Are Working Full Time
at Full Capacity—Bank
Clearings.

The plants in Mechanicsburg are booming, and running to full capacity. The cooperage plant is now operating with 300 men, and running to capacity, while the barge plant of the West Kentucky Coal company is employing 200 men. The Roos Manufacturing company is giving employment to over 100 men now, and orders are coming in every day that assure capacity run for some time. Mechanicsburg people are elated over the prosperity wave, which has just struck their portion of the city, and its effects can be easily seen on all sides.

The bank clearings for this week amounted to \$465,997.

Mrs. H. Harris and son of Asheville, N. C., arrived last night to visit Mr. and Mrs. James Weille, 504 Broadway.

Chicago Market.

Dec.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	1.06½	1.05½	1.05½
Corn	.60	.59½	.59½
Oats	.41½	.41	.41
Provs.	18.70	18.60	18.60
Lard	11.12	11.05	11.05
Ribs	9.85	9.77	9.80

FIRE DESTROYS LARGE BARN NEAR BROOKPORT, ILL.

Largest in Southern Illinois
Goes Up in Flame With
Its Contents.

Meadows Ignited and Prairie
Fire Threatens.

INCENDIARISM IS SUSPECTED.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the big barn of Mrs. James Giltner, a widow living 1½ miles north of Unionville, Ill., and three miles east of Brookport, shortly before 1 o'clock this morning, entailing a loss of nearly \$2,000. The flames spread by the strong wind, ignited adjacent meadows and after several hours' work by bucket brigades the flames were subdued, leaving the barn a mass of embers. The sky for miles around was illuminated.

The barn, 182x70 feet, the largest in that vicinity, was valued at between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Fifty tons of hay valued at \$10 a ton, were eaten up by the fire and two mules were burned. It is thought that a number of hogs and chickens were burned. Cows and horses were dragged out of the burning building by willing rescuers. Flying embers set fire to fields some distance around and only by hard work were the flames drowned out, saving valuable property. The fire may have been the work of an incendiary. No cause has been discovered. There is little insurance.

POISONED CANDY EPISODE WILL BE SOON FORGOTTEN

St. Louis, Oct. 23.—After declaring she would prosecute Mrs. Nanette Lillard, who bought candy and inserted strychnine capsules and then told the police it was a present from Mrs. Maude Ridley, Mrs. Ridley declared today she will drop the case. She had planned to prosecute for false imprisonment. "I don't love Bob any more," said Mrs. Ridley. "All I want to do is to forget him." Bob is Mr. Lillard, whom Mrs. Ridley confessed she loved. It was over this they quarreled and Mrs. Lillard said she poisoned the candy to turn her husband against Mrs. Ridley. "When I think of how she attempted to humiliate me and of the terrible disgrace and notoriety," said Mrs. Ridley, "I think she should suffer some. But when I think how nervously romantic she is, I feel sorry for her. I can forget the humiliation, though it is hard."

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